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## Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Quynh H. Nguyen

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 28-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 28-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. Applicant's amendment filed on 2/17/05 has been entered. No claims have been amended. Claims 1-27 have been cancelled. Claims 28-30 have been added. Claims 28-30 are still pending, with claim 28 being independent.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 28-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pershan et al. (U.S. Patent 6,718,026).

**As to claim 28**, Pershan et al. teach a selective call forwarding system (col. 3, lines 19-20 and col. 10, lines 9-16 - *where Pershan discussed communication system of Fig. 3 provides selective call forwarding 'SCF' service*), comprising:

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a telephone system (col. 10, lines 9-10 - *where Pershan discussed communication system*) configured to selectively forward a call made to a called number based on forwarding information for the called number (col. 10, line 60 through col. 11, line 7 - *where Pershan discussed the communication system configured to selectively forward a call from clients to an attorney called number based on call forwarding information for the attorney called number. For example, calls from selected few clients to be forwarded to his home while allowing everyone else's calls to remain at his or her office, hence selectively forward a call made to a called number based on forwarding information for the called number*); and

a programmable telephone number table containing the forwarding information in communication with the telephone system (Fig. 14, list 1428 and col. 3, lines 22-26 and col. 6, lines 42-44 and col. 12, lines 16-17 - *where Pershan discussed a table or list 1428 of telephone numbers to be forwarded is configured/generated and stored as part of the customer's call processing record*) that can be edited by a user of the system via a website (col. 3, lines 32-36 and col. 7, lines 19-29).

**As to claim 29**, Pershan et al. teach the system of claim 28 wherein the website resides on the Internet (col. 7, lines 19-29).

**As to claim 30**, Pershan et al. teach the system of claim 28 wherein access to the programmable telephone number table via the website is restricted (col. 7, lines 30-42 and line 66 through col. 8, line 11 - *where Pershan discussed subscribers gain access to and/or modify call forwarding information in their own service records via the*

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*website is limited to upon satisfying security checks such as a firewall, customer identification, password, and PIN).*

### **Conclusion**

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Erb (U.S. Patent 6,130,938) teaches automatic call forwarding.

Hallenstal (U.S. Patent 6,125,126) teaches method and apparatus for selective call forwarding.

Carlsen (U.S. Patent 5,509,062) teaches intelligent terminal based selective call forwarding.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quynh H. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-7489. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday from 6:15 A.M. to 4:45 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar, can be reached on 571-272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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